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ADAMS HOST TO WILDCATS

SENIORS BEGIN BUSY YEAR

Well students hear it is, on Monday, June 1, exactly eight months from today, John Adams will "deal out" diplomas and with wet eyes bid farewell to its first graduating class. These eight months will whiz by in nothing flat with all of the activities that will be keeping the seniors busy. Already a few upperclassmen have "bags" under their eyes as well as rings on their fingers.

Probably the initial senior activity was the elections that were held in each senior sponsor room to determine who had the longest reach and a copy of Emily Post, in order that he might represent us at the Rotary Club luncheons each Wednesday noon. Kenny Follmer showed up well on one or the other scores and won the distinction of representing us the first semester. Jack Yuncker also scored well and will represent Adams during the second semester.

After a short debate the ring committee, which functioned last year, decided upon an intaglio with the eagle crest as a design. Intaglio is a regular signet ring with the eagle being hollowed out or depressed in the surface of the ring instead of the ordinary raised crest. There are only three other schools in Indiana, two of them being private, that have this type of ring. It is expected that they will be available sometime in October.

Several seniors have been asked or otherwise volunteered to work with Mr. McNamara in preparation of a "dummy" yearbook. It will be presented to the senior class at its first official meeting. If the idea is accepted and it is decided to undertake the task, real work will begin immediately.

The class officers with the cabinet members, elected last year who are now seniors, met last Monday for an organization meeting. The purpose was to plan for the election of new senior officers.

SKETCHES

This year the art classes plan some helpful and interesting projects.

Christmas menu covers for Naval boys stationed with the Asiatic Fleet are now being designed. These boys will not be able to come home for the holidays.

Then there is to be made a series of amusing articles called "gloom chasers" which are for shut-ins in hospitals and sanitoriums.

Scrap books containing cartoons and humorous articles are to be designed and made to be donated to the V. F. W.



Reading from left to right—Front row: Richard DeWells, John Reitz, Harold Chevillet, Stanley Barber, Pat Lane, Alan Elliott, Neil Walters, Harold McKinney, Tom Matthews. Second row: Joe Danowski, Joe Fragomeni, Robert Murphy, Al Williams, Jerry Acito, Paul Bailey, Kenny Follmar, Wayne Brayton, Harold Whiteman, John Doran, Harold Eckert, Richard Granning. Third row: Dick Wharton, Mgr., Phil Ellsworth, Mgr., Jack Boswell, Don Allen, DeVon Lundberg, Don Zimmerman, Charles Piper, Ray Bowden, Jack Beverstein, Eugene Fields, Frank Ham, coach, George Gale, coach. Fourth row: Jack DeMoss, Russ Thompson, Gerhardt Gerbeth, Levon Ladyga, Pat Bailey, George Sausley, Don Ransberger, Hubert Larson, Jim Ball, John Ray, Dave Holmgren, Carl Martz. Fifth row: Bill Engle, Frank Fisher, Charles Terry, Paul Keb, Joe Mester, Floyd Fishburn, Richard Troeger, Fred Nordblad, Harold Slutsky, Robert Duncan, Vince Fragomeni.

DON'T MISS THE MARINE BAND

One of the greatest opportunities to thus far present itself for Adams to outfit its band and orchestra comes with the concert of the United States Marine Band tomorrow afternoon and evening. A liberal percentage of the admission prices will be retained by our school for the purchasing of uniforms for our instrumental groups. Therefore, all tickets bought by Adams students will be serving a double purpose. Student tickets may be purchased from all chorus and band members for the nominal price of 25c. All those with tickets will be excused from class tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. and will NOT be required to return to classes at the end of the concert.

Novelties and symphonic pieces as well as the traditional marches will be featured by this oldest of military bands in the country. In 1798 the band was officially authorized by President John Adams; today it is recognized as one of the foremost concert organizations in the world, having played at every presidential inauguration since that of Thomas Jefferson and at many other important Washington functions.

In supporting this concert let us show the same commendable school spirit which has added to the success of our athletic and academic ventures.

"BENNY" EMBARKS

"Benny" Sheridan, former Adams football coach, is about to score a hit in quite a new field to him, the sea. According to Miss Dorothy Spaulding of our fair city, (and, incidentally, the sister of Bob) Mr. Sheridan and she plan to embark on the sea of matrimony sometime next week. Mr. Sheridan is coming to South Bend on a three-day leave, the exact date of which Uncle Sam has not yet disclosed, and they will then be married here. Mr. Sheridan has recently been appointed head football coach at Fort Riley, Kansas, but as to their future "nest", well, all anyone can say is, "Ask the Army!"

Both students and faculty wish them the best of luck and happiness.

GREETINGS, FROSH!

Former pupils of Nuner, Jefferson, Lincoln, and other local junior high schools became a unit of enthusiastic John Adams boosters after the Freshman Mixer, held Friday afternoon, September 19, in the school cafeteria. Approximately fifty 9A's, with Miss Bennett and Mr. Ham, their sponsors, spent the afternoon informally becoming acquainted with one another. Games were played and refreshments were served to all. The party was cut short in order that the loyal Adams supporters could be present at the Goshen-

Second Half Rally Yields 3 Touchdowns

A lot of people saw a thrilling second half comeback Saturday night that they will not see again very soon. After being pushed around in the first half at the rate of 20-0, the team seemed to snap out of it as if inspired.

Even with a sore leg, Pat Bailey made 75 and 69 yard touchdown runs that displayed beautiful open field running. Joe Fragomeni caught Paul Bailey's pass on the Riley 39 yard line and ran the distance for our third touchdown. Joe showed plenty of speed in that run.

We had plenty of tough luck with injuries in that game. Jerry Acito had us all worried when he was knocked out, but he seems to be okay now. Jerry is just too tough to be really hurt. He was the victim of a nasty kick in the forehead.

Joe Fragomeni received a severe head injury on the last play. We hope that Joe can pull out of it soon.

Don Allen was only in the game a few plays before getting a sprained ankle, but Allen will be back at it soon.

Vital Statistics

Riley	Adams
5—First downs, rushing	5
3—First downs, passing	1
1—First down, penalties	1
9—Total first downs	7
201—Yards gained, rushing	176
103—Yards gained passing	80
304—Total yards gained	256
6—Passes attempted	10
3—Passes completed	3
2—Passes interrupted	0
2—Fumbles	2
1—Own fumble recovered	1
1—Opponents' fumbles recovered	1
3—Number of punts	4
46—Average yard punts	42
20—Yards lost rushing	9
75—Yards lost by penalties	51

Adams tilt.

The committee in general charge consisted of Martha Bortz, Leah Scheid, Mari Catherine Fabian, Lois Van Tuyl, Anneta Gustafson, Richard Nelund, Floyd Fishburn, and James Linguard.

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THE JOHN ADAMS BACKYARD

An accident is an event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation.

No John Adams driver expects to have an accident in our parking lot, yet last week we came very close. A student was using the parking area for a speedway and stunt arena. When he darted through a vacant parking space with his car, he narrowly missed another driver attempting to enter the same space from the opposite direction.

We believe that John Adams customers want safe parking conditions at the school. These regulations should protect everyone.

- (1) Students park on the east side.
- (2) Teachers park along the concrete drive.
- (3) Cars should use the cinders after entering.
- (4) There must be no exhibition or stunt driving.
- (5) When a driver is attempting to park, don't try to beat him to the same stall.
- (6) People having no legitimate business at the school should do their touring elsewhere.

No one has been hurt, yet!

A Teacher.

TO THE CLASS OF '45

Dear Sophomores:

This is for you. You, who are just beginning your high school years, and because John Adams is new to you you are, as yet, a bit bewildered by high school life. You're wondering just what it's all about, who everyone is and how well you'll like the three years that lie before you. Your record in your sophomore, junior, and senior years is unwritten. And these three years are not long at all, though right now it may seem that way. But, they are very short; too short, in fact.

You want to make John Adams such a part of you that when that momentous commencement in 1945 rolls around your high school memories will be among the brightest of your collection.

At the present time your mind is not wholly occupied with "book-learning", but more about good times or something else. Yes, of course, good times are essential to the average high school boy and girl. It makes for well-rounded lives, but right now is when you should realize the importance of learning as much as you can in the next three years.

Perhaps, college and careers haven't entered your mind to speak of, and both seem very far into the future, and so you don't stop to think what close association lies among high school and your college career, and success in your vocation.

These next three years may determine whether you go to college at all, and whether if you do go you are successful in a chosen field of work.

So, what are you going to do with these three years? Are you really intending to study and see how much knowledge you can gain—or will you take it easy and just "get-by"? Instead of doing merely the required lessons, why not do a little outside reference work? It may sound tedious and dull to you now, but in a couple or three years, you'll say, "I'm glad."

And in extra-curricular activities—will you stay secure in your own little shell or will you go out for athletics, write for the newspaper, try out for the Drama Club play, become interested in school doings, supporting the football and basketball teams, and help promote various projects that are beneficial to John Adams? Contribute your talent whatever it is. We need you and what you can give to the school.

And on that record that tells how many times tardy and how many absences—what will you do about that? Be punctual and you will acquire one of the most worthwhile habits. But, please, no skipping school with all the false excuses. It doesn't pay. Later you'll wish you'd never done it.

You will meet lots of new people at Adams, through studies, classes, and mutual interests. You are going to make new friendships, some which will last a lifetime, perhaps. You're going to like Adams and Adams will like you if you believe that all that has been written here is worth giving a try.

A SENIOR.

ASSISTANT FEATURE WRITERS	Barbara Munro, Ruth Ann Mock, Pat Barlow, Vicki Dix, Rosemarie Lubbers, Joyce Marx.
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TOWER TALK

So, here we are again, nicely settled, and eight months of school ahead—a nice, long, eight months—ho, hum!

Summer is over, leaving a soft spot in our hearts, a little black book in Dick Basler's pocket with addresses of summer acquaintances (all "fems"), a peeled nose and memories of moonlit nights, et cetera. 'Course, Connie Minzey is still meeting Joe Peil (Central's Smiler), Jack (oh, there goes my heart) Boswell is looking Central's way, too, and Jo Crowe is still dancing with Jack Dillon, while Marilyn Beal addresses three letters a day to Indiana University. Then, Irene Richards roots for Kenny, and Elaine Moran sighs, Bob, but Peg McGann just sings "My Bill".

Now, some of us are lofty seniors (ah, but do we act it?) and then, too, there's that new bunch of sophomores—and speaking of sophos, have you noticed what a darling Carol McCreary is? She's my idea of a honey and plenty keen, too. What say, fellows?

And have you seen Fred Watson, a newcomer to Adams, and very, very, nice, girls. No charge for introduction, either.

But, I'll tell you who gets my vote for being perfectly swell. There's that Doll, Nancy Sibley, No. 1 on my list, and awfully darling.

Well, chillun, I just blew in from the Goshen game and not disheartened, either. Our boys really played and everyone admires them, too. Why, Pat Bailey did a super job and so did Johnny Ray. And there was Kenny Follmer doing alright by ye old school. Yes sirree, the team was swell. All of you were there to cheer, and did we yell!

Adams' social butterflies were flitting around, supporting the team. I saw Bickel, Ullery, Monahan, Toth, etc., and my pet, Patty Hudson—all sportin' cute duds and lots of lipstick (for the guys who make the touchdowns, you dope.)

'Course, the Sultans arrived "in the red" and backed their man, Matthews, number 35. There was Bill Currisse, McGirr, Robertson, Jack Rice, who cheered in Spanish, (for practice, third hour Monday), and Bob Mills, along with the "Mouse", just rarin' to go!

Then, who sailed in but Johnny Rietz with Carol Kline and later, I saw Mary Kay Barr and George Schmitt. But, who was Justin Schubert with? Well, you never know...

October rolls around again and it'll soon be time for the "Prog" and Rainbow—and Smilers. Better start getting your dates, kiddies.

See you soon,

Daisy.

PASSION PLAY

For five days beginning September 24, Adams was a scene of great activity, crowded not only by the huge cast of the Black Hills Passion Play, but also by the thousands which came twice a day to view this largest dramatic presentation of its kind. Joseph Mier, foremost portrayer of the Christus, was supported by both his own large cast and by dozens of local "extras", among which were three Adams students: Eleanor Ward, Elaine Trahms, and Marilyn Vance.

FACULTY FACTS

George Gale

George Gale, the athletic director of our high school, first saw daylight in the not far off city of Goshen, Indiana, during the "hectic" year of 1911. He moved from there—after learning in the good old American way how to walk, talk, eat, and sleep—and then became a member of South Bend society. Remaining in South Bend for nine years seemed not to hamper his earlier accomplishments of walking, talking, eating, and sleeping so, therefore, we find him now a healthy, happy, boy of twelve. Continuing his migrations, he left our fair city with his family for Marion, Indiana, where he passed three more years. Mishawaka was the next site the Gales halted at and it was here, at the mention of Mishawaka, that our coach's narrating voice seemed to falter. For it was in the latter city that Mr. Gale, in his third year of high school, met a girl. Not that that is or ever was any great phenomena but still this girl was "different". She was wonderful. The feelings were mutual between the two thus beginning a beautiful "friendship". Absorbing all the knowledge high school afforded, he continued his education by entering the sacred portals of Purdue. Four years spent at that university finished his "term of enlightenment" and sent him on to coach swimming at Purdue, basketball at Rising Sun, and, finally, football at John Adams. By the way, Coach Gale married that high school girl friend of his. The knot was firmly tied just last Thanksgiving. Moral: "Beware of high school friends."

Griping at Goshen: Adams fan to ditto, "I don't mind your yelling in my ear, the dust doesn't quite suffocate me, and these stands seem strong enough to stay up a few more minutes anyway, but do you both have to pound on my back at once!"

BOOK MARKS

Our library is expanding! Perhaps you have noticed the new books, fiction and non-fiction, and the new magazines which have appeared on shelves and racks with their enticing covers and inviting titles.

Among the newer ones in the fiction section are:

The Shoemaker's Son—The Life of Hans Christian Anderson, by Constance Burnett.

The Story of Clara Barton of the Red Cross, by Jeanette Nolan.

Mystery at Penmouth, by Ruth Manning Sanders.

Last Worlds, by Anne White.

Piang—The Maro Chieftain, by E. P. Stuart.

Penny Marsh—Public Health Nurse, by Dorothy Deming.

In the non-fiction category are two of particular interest to all Seniors who are thinking of college, and have not chosen one as yet;

What Do I Do Now, by Gregg.

Choosing a College, by John Tunis.

A new Athletic magazine should arouse the interest of all sport-minded boys.

Mrs. Meyer, our new librarian, will be pleased to help you find these and any other books you may wish to read.

MUSICAL NOTES

The John Adams High School Band has been marching on the football field for the past few games. The scarlet honor sweaters with dark letters form the temporary uniforms. Their first maneuvers caused many favorable comments. The band has been practicing new special maneuvers with the baton twirlers. Many new instruments have been added to the band, this fall. The most important are drums and a sousaphone. A large order of sheet music has just arrived.

Watch for Adams' marching band.

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Some afternoon while you are idly dreaming away in duos don't be alarmed if you hear the squeekie melodies of the instrumental class. These classes are conducted every afternoon of the school week. Boys and girls from our band and orchestra make up the class.

On Monday night, September 15th the following new officers were elected:

ORCHESTRA

President Bob Hart
Secretary-Treas. Doris Lidecker
Concert Mistress. Barbara Castrejon

BAND

President Don Martin
Vice-Pres. Eddie Easley
Secretary-Treas. Joe Tarkington
Librarian Virginia Buck
Ass't. Lib. Shirley Wagner
Concert Mgr. Charlotte Mask

At different intervals during the semester pictures of the leading players in action will be placed in the show cases for the interest of the student body. Several new members have been accepted into the band and orchestra through interviews and if there are yet any musically minded people wandering around, both organizations are open to them.

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Of course we have a chorus! That's the cry that everyone has heard since school began. The chorus and Glee Club, teamed with the Band and Orchestra, have raised the standards of the music department to a high degree. The chorus classes have had a grand turn-out of enthusiastic singers. Classes meet five days a week. At the present time they are working on the music for the North Central Music program. This is an annual affair for South Bend and surrounding towns but, it will be the first time Adams will participate.

During the year there will be several music assemblies and night programs.

Figuratively speaking, Pat Hudson, Lou Alice Jordan, and Peggy McGann are tops on the "Hip Parade"!

**HISTORY . . .
IN THE MAKING**

For the second time in history, John Adams flung open her doors to greet an eager student body on Friday, September 5. Our student body this year numbers 780.

Although 80 students have moved or transferred, 111 new ones have enrolled. Adams boasts 65 new freshmen, 33 new sophomores, 9 new juniors and 6 new seniors. Most of the new students are freshmen coming from local junior high schools. The others have either transferred from other South Bend schools or have recently moved to this city from Illinois, Ohio, New York, Florida and our home state, Indiana. We welcome these new students to John Adams and hope that they will have a pleasant school year.

The faculty also has had losses and gains. John Adams has welcomed eight new faculty members: Miss Adami, Business Education; Miss Bennett, social studies; Mr. Gale, football and social studies; Mr. Ham, assistant football coach and social studies; Mrs. Moore, physical education; Miss Puterbaugh, business and home economics; Miss Ream, English, and Mrs. Schultz, home economics.

Among the faces not seen at Adams this year are Miss Infalt and Miss Solbrig who have chosen matrimonial careers; Miss Adams, now undertaking secretarial duties in Louisville, Kentucky; and Mr. Dake and Mr. Sheridan, our contribution to the United States army. To all of these we send good luck and our best wishes.

SUITABLE SLOGANS

- 99-44/100% Pure—The new sophomores.
- The Perfect Blend—Johnny Ray.
- For That School-Girl Complexion—Jean Inglefield.
- Gone, But Not Forgotten—Mr. Dake.
- Wherever Particular People Congregate—Jean Vernderink.
- The "Hope" of Beautiful Women—"Sonny" Sollitt.
- The Urge to Kill—Those 3:30 Speed Demons.
- The Pause That Refreshes—5 minutes between classes.

Miss Roell (4th hour typing) "Yes, Joe, you may stay if you can find an empty desk."
Fragomeni (Eyeing roomful of girls) "Oh, I don't mind doubling up!"

ART EXHIBIT

An art exhibit showing work of South Bend public school teachers will be sponsored by and shown at John F. Nuner School on October 7, 8, 9, and 10. Any one employed by the School City of South Bend may exhibit. Works which may be entered are framed paintings, drawings, pastels, block prints, etchings, and photographs, all of which must be mounted or framed; ceramics, jewelry, and small crafts.

Entries must be at Nuner School not later than Saturday, October 4, 11:00 A. M. Entry blanks may be secured from the principal of each school or from Nuner School office and should be sent to Nuner School by October 1.

Hours for the exhibit are from 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. each day. The public and all school students are cordially invited to attend this interesting showing.

STATE ABBREVIATIONS

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| 1. A young girl | 9. A metal |
| 2. A number | 10. Andy Gump's wife |
| 3. A nickname for father | 11. A pronoun |
| 4. To be sick | 12. An interjection |
| 5. To cut the grass | 13. Something to walk on |
| 6. Monday's work | 14. A lock opener |
| 7. Used in the flood | 15. God of the Mohammedans |
| 8. A tone | |

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THE BOYS

By Rodger Buck

Football takes the spotlight once more as 65 boys practice with Coach Gale.

It's no use going over the Plymouth, Central, and Goshen games because they are old stuff now. However, I guess we all got a kick out of Joe Danowski's 104 yard run. For those who still don't know what happened, the Central man dropped the ball, after being downed, and it rolled across the goal line. That's where Danowski picked up the ball and ran it through the astonished Central team. The officials ruled it a dead ball since the man was already down.

Up until the Goshen game, we had been pretty lucky about injuries. Outside of the usual charley-horses, bad ankles, and the time Murphy went off the team, nothing had happened. But following the Goshen game, everything was different. Danowski's broken ankle, Ray's broken finger, and Acito and William's pulled ligaments spelled plenty of trouble. Let's hope that this will be the end of the injuries.

Our pigskin squad has been giving some dandy scraps for us, but if you want to see a REAL scrap, take a tip and see the LaPorte game. Every one of the boys is talking of the revenge he will fight for. They tell me they are going to do their best to reverse that 64-0 score of last year. They'll take them too, if they can hold down Grenda, the star. Grenda is an amazingly fast runner who can cut on a dime.

Some of you have probably noticed that the basketballs are flying in the gym again. Primmer and the whole squad seem glad to get back on the grind.

Mr. Reber's boys are starting their first year of tennis with a full schedule. They have been scheduled to play twice every week until October 8. Practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Potowatomie Park and games are on Tuesday and Thursday. All home games are played at Leeper Park. The boys have not yet hit their stride, losing to Elkhart, 5-0; Riley, 3-2, and Goshen, 4-1. The Elkhart and Goshen games were played away from home. Our school is playing in a conference schedule.

Other sports that are being planned are baseball, a girls' tennis club, a boys' swimming club, and golf.

Sally: "My brother is playing hookey from correspondence school."
 Margie: "How does he do that?"
 Sally: "He mails them empty envelopes."

MEET JOE

Joe was one of the fellows on our football team that you didn't hear much about but who played a whale of a good game. I'm referring to Joe Danowski who held down left end. The same Danowski who broke his ankle.



Losing Joe from our line-up was a severe blow. As a pass receiver, he was excellent; as a blocker, plenty good; and he was a hard tackler. We certainly could have used him in the Riley game.

Joe is 5'11" and weighs 154 pounds. He was born in Gary, Indiana in 1924 but in 1930 he moved to Granger, Indiana, where he is now living. He drives to school every day.

He was out for the team last year but was ineligible to play. That was the first year of football he ever played. In this, his second year, he played on the first string.

His favorite sport is football. He likes movies, and thinks that a big, thick, juicy steak is his favorite dish.

The boys tell me he never dropped a pass.

If people would say what they think, there wouldn't be so much conversation.

WHAT THE BOYS SAY

Allen—(at Plymouth game) "Gee, it's fun hitting those guys."

Murphy — (at Central game) "Where am I?"

Danowski—"Watch me, I'm always open."

Bowden—(He doesn't talk.)

Pat and Paul Bailey—"Let me take it."

Vince Fragomeni — (at Goshen) "They want to get tough."

Joe Fragomeni—(at any game) "Follow me, I'll open up a hole."

Acito—(to Central player) "Boo!"

DeWells—"Let's go!"

Gerbeth—"Nice run, Pat."

A shining example of old fashioned simplicity is an unpowdered nose.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

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| 1. Miss. | 9. Ore. |
| 2. Tenn. | 10. Minn. |
| 3. Pa. | 11. Me. |
| 4. Ill. | 12. O. |
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